

Durham Police Department



Officer of the Year

Presented to



Sgt. Dale Gunter

Sgt. Dale Gunter joined the Durham Police Department in 1994, and has spent the last 20+ years serving the city and community with an unrivaled level of devotion. As HEAT 2 supervisor, Sgt. Gunter takes every available opportunity to spend time in the community speaking with residents, corresponding with PAC 2 members and handing out junior officer stickers to the kids. He is an interactive member of 28 District 2 listservs, responding to dozens of questions and concerns on a daily basis. Whenever he is not busy patrolling the streets with his team, you can find Sgt. Gunter walking through neighborhoods on foot, interacting with citizens and even taking a moment to shoot hoops or play in the snow with the local children. Each year he participates in community events too numerous to mention. Recently, a PAC 2 member was hospitalized with a serious health condition. Sgt. Gunter took time out of his schedule to visit him in the hospital and used his personal finances to install a new handrail for the gentleman's front doorsteps.

Operationally, Sgt. Gunter is involved in several areas. He teaches in the recruit academy and provides in-service training in firearms, CPR, TRACS and mobile field force preparations. Sgt. Gunter instituted and maintains the life-saving AED registry program throughout the department and there are now 30 AED units available.

Sgt. Gunter has won numerous awards over the years for his work. By demonstrating his exceptional devotion to duty and to the safety and care of Durham's citizens, Sgt. Gunter has been selected as the Durham Police Department's 2015 Officer of the Year.